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**Sen. Testin Heads to Tunnel City for “On the Job” Day with Unimin Corp.**  
*Local Sand Mine Has Added 25 Jobs in the Last Four Months*

**Tunnel City, WI** - Last week, Senator Testin entered the hardhat only zone at Unimin Corp.’s Tunnel City sand mine and processing plant as part of his “On the job with Patrick Testin” series. For eight hours on Monday, Sen. Testin dug into the workings of a local plant — reviving an idea from former governor and U.S. Sen. Bob Graham to spend time working alongside the members of the community.

Unimin, North America's leading industrial mineral producer, invited the Senator to work alongside its employees, helping to test the quality of the sand, loading sand into a rail car, and working in the shop to help fine-tune and maintain the equipment.

“Unimin maintains a strong economic presence in Wisconsin and they serve as a good neighbor, a strong corporate citizen, and an important employer in the community,” said Senator Testin. “Not only do they supply more than 100 good-paying jobs right here in Tunnel City, they also uphold – and exceed - environmental standards, provide habitat for endangered species, and work with local governmental officials to keep the community up-to-date on developments. In the last four months, they’ve added – and filled - twenty-five jobs, and I can see why; it’s a great place to work.”

"Working with the people at our plant gave Sen. Testin the opportunity to see firsthand how we execute with excellence and safety," Mark Massicotte, plant manager in Tunnel City, said. "The Senator’s enthusiasm and desire to learn about the work we do, created moments we're never going to forget. And, spending time with him, gave us clear insight into his passion for veterans, small business owners, and everyday hard-working taxpayers, which we applaud."

To suggest a future location for “On the Job with Patrick Testin”, please e-mail [Sen.Testin@legis.wi.gov](mailto:Sen.Testin@legis.wi.gov).

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